

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00915-CJN**

PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC. v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/01/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/01/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6033740) filed by PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Pulver, Adam) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/01/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC. (Pulver, Adam) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/02/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Royce C. Lamberth. (zef,) (Entered: 04/02/2019)
04/02/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef,) (Entered: 04/02/2019)
04/05/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/2/2019.

		Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/2/2019. (Pulver, Adam) (Entered: 04/05/2019)
04/17/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 04/08/2019. (Pulver, Adam) (Entered: 04/17/2019)
05/02/2019	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Matthew Evan Kahn on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/02/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.(Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 05/02/2019)
05/03/2019	<u>8</u>	ORDER: Per Local Rule 16.3(b)(10), the Court ORDERS the government to file a Vaughn index and supporting dispositive motion within thirty days. Signed by Judge Royce C. Lamberth on 05/03/2019. (lcrcl3) (Entered: 05/03/2019)
05/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Vaughn Index with supporting Dispositive Motions due by 6/3/2019. (lsj) (Entered: 05/06/2019)
06/03/2019	<u>9</u>	MOTION to Vacate <i>Dispositive Motion Deadline</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 06/03/2019)
06/03/2019	<u>10</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>9</u> MOTION to Vacate <i>Dispositive Motion Deadline</i> filed by PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pulver, Adam) (Entered: 06/03/2019)
06/04/2019	<u>11</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>9</u> MOTION to Vacate <i>Dispositive Motion Deadline</i> filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 06/04/2019)
06/24/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Royce C. Lamberth is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Rebecca H. Smullin on behalf of PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC. (Smullin, Rebecca) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of Defendants <u>9</u> Motion to Vacate Dispositive Motion Deadline, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a joint status report no later than July 18, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on July 11, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 07/11/2019)
07/11/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 7/18/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/18/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC.. (Pulver, Adam) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
08/07/2019	<u>14</u>	MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Adam R. Pulver, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>6</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>7</u> Exhibit 5, # <u>8</u> Exhibit 6, # <u>9</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pulver, Adam) (Entered: 08/07/2019)
08/13/2019		VACATED PURSUANT TO COURT'S ORDER OF 9/5/2019.....MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report and Plaintiff's <u>14</u> Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall process potentially responsive records at a rate of 500 pages per month until processing is complete, and that Defendant shall produce responsive, non-exempt records at the end of each month with the next production of documents occurring at the end of August 2019. It is further ORDERED that the Parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by August 19, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 13, 2019. (lccjn1) Modified text on 9/9/2019 (zcdw). (Entered: 08/13/2019)
08/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Additional Joint Status Report due by 8/19/2019. (mac) (Entered: 08/14/2019)

08/16/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
08/16/2019	<u>16</u>	MOTION to Hold in Abeyance re <u>14</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment or, MOTION for Extension of Time by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Kahn, Matthew). Added MOTION for Extension of Time to on 8/19/2019 (jf). (Entered: 08/16/2019)
08/19/2019	<u>17</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>16</u> MOTION to Hold in Abeyance re <u>14</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment MOTION for Extension of Time to filed by PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC.. (Pulver, Adam) (Entered: 08/19/2019)
08/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of Defendant's <u>16</u> Motion to Hold in Abeyance Plaintiff's <u>14</u> Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, or, in the alternative, Motion for Extension of Time, and considering defense counsel's representations of impending trial obligations, it is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is DENIED in part and GRANTED in part. Defendant shall file a Memorandum in Opposition to Plaintiff's <u>14</u> Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on or before September 23, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 20, 2019. (lccjn2) (Entered: 08/20/2019)
08/20/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Response to <u>14</u> due by 9/23/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 08/21/2019)
08/23/2019	<u>18</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Produce Responsive Records</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 08/23/2019)
08/26/2019	<u>19</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>18</u> MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Produce Responsive Records</i> filed by PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pulver, Adam) (Entered: 08/26/2019)
09/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of Defendant's <u>18</u> Motion for Extension of Time, and in consideration of defense counsel's previously identified trial obligations, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The Court's production order of August 13, 2019 is hereby VACATED. Defendant shall process potentially responsive records at a rate of 500 pages per month until processing is complete, and Defendant shall produce the first set of responsive, non-exempt records by September 23, 2019. The next production shall occur by October 31, 2019, and subsequent production shall occur at the end of each month thereafter. The Parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by September 30, 2019. Further requests for extensions will be strongly disfavored. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 5, 2019. (lccjn2) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
09/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 9/30/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 09/09/2019)
09/23/2019	<u>20</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>14</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 09/23/2019)
09/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of Defendant's <u>20</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to File Response, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Defendant shall file its response to Plaintiff's <u>14</u> Motion for Partial Summary Judgment by September 26, 2019. Plaintiff shall file its Reply by October 3, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 24, 2019. (lccjn2) (Entered: 09/24/2019)
09/24/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Reply to Motion for Partial Summary Judgment due by 10/3/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 09/29/2019)
09/26/2019	<u>21</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>14</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration)(Kahn, Matthew) (Entered: 09/26/2019)
09/26/2019	<u>22</u>	Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration)(Kahn, Matthew)

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09/27/2019	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC.. (Pulver, Adam) (Entered: 09/27/2019)
10/03/2019	<u>24</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>14</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Adam R. Pulver, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 7)(Pulver, Adam) (Entered: 10/03/2019)
10/03/2019	<u>25</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>22</u> Cross MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment filed by PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Adam R. Pulver, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 7, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Pulver, Adam) (Entered: 10/03/2019)